

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commissioners' Room, Courthouse at the Village of Centreville, Michigan on October 20, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John L. Dobberteen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Clerk, Pattie S. Bender, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Rick Shaffer	Michael D. Dunlap
Robin Baker	Jerry Ware
David J. Pueschel	John L. Dobberteen

Absent: Gerald E. Loudenslager

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller and Dan Carey, Finance Director.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Baker that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the minutes for October 6, 2009 be approved. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Baker that the minutes for October 6, 2009 closed session be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, October 9 and October 16, 2009.
2. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Opposing the merger of the Michigan Department of Agriculture with another State department.
3. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Supporting the continuation of the State Fair.
4. Resolution from VanBuren County, Re: Funding for the Pure Michigan Program.
5. Resolution from Oceana County, Re: Opposition to current LEIN funding formula.
6. Resolution from Barry County, Re: Requesting Michigan Legislature adopt state-wide ban on use of residential fertilizers containing phosphorous.
7. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of September 21, 2009.
8. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meetings of July 28 and August 25, 2009.
9. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of September 16, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the communications be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Chairman Dobberteen called the following persons to come forward to receive their service pins that were given to them by Vice-Chairman Baker:

*Denotes presence.

<u>10 Years:</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
*Patty Kane, Jail Nurse Practitioner	1/06/99
Tonya Barrington, Extension Program Aide	2/16/99
Donald Heath, Corrections Sergeant	3/09/99
Mike McCoy, Road Patrol	8/03/99
*Maria Ridenour, FOC Enforcement Clerk	9/28/99
Dan Riggs, Road Patrol	12/07/99

<u>15 Years:</u>	
*Jim Jacobs, Family Division Caseworker	7/05/94
Deb Sprinkle, Family Division Caseworker	8/15/94
Kole Mostrom, Maintenance/Grounds	9/06/94
*Gary LeTourneau, Deputy Central Dispatch Director	9/13/94
Mark Pratt, Custodian	9/20/94
Laura Roberts-Chupp, Receptionist/Clerk	11/03/94

<u>20 Years:</u>	
*Judge Tom Shumaker, Probate Court	1/01/89
Jay Parker, Road Patrol	2/14/89
Judy Buchner-VanCamp, Corrections Officer	4/27/89

<u>25 Years:</u>	
Cathy Coleman, Family Division Deputy Register	1/30/84
Andi Guy, FOC Caseworker	2/08/84
*Judy Nelson, Equalization Director	4/03/84
Todd Bohm, Road Patrol	9/04/84
Bob Sabatini, Senior Probation Officer	11/28/84

<u>30 Years:</u>	
Bruce Morse, Road Patrol Sergeant	10/01/79

Chairman Dobberteen thanked the employees for the continued longevity to the County.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Brad Neumann spoke on behalf of Maury Kaercher who wanted to express his gratitude to Tonya Barrington, who could not be present tonight to receive her 10 year employee service award, for her assistance in keeping the department running smoothly and efficiently.

Lance Thornton, Attorney for the Colon Lake Board asked if the County received his letter concerning the County's delinquent tax on the Long-Palmer Lake Weed Special Assessment. It was acknowledged that the letter has been received and no decision has been made at this time pending legal advice. Mr. Thornton stated that the Lake Board needs to know the Board's decision so that they can proceed. Ed Bell, President of the Lake Board has indicated that they may authorize Mr. Thornton to begin litigation against the County.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, presented the 2009 Apportionment Report. She stated that she had just received word that the Consumer Price Index is .997. This decrease will apply to the taxable values.

She stated that there is a 3% to 5% reduction in residential properties that will also affect the taxable values. She believes that there will be a \$26,000 reduction in tax collections. She has no prediction that things will get better at least for the next 6-12 months. We are in a downward spiral.

This Thursday they are holding their bi-annual meeting at 9:00 a.m. with all of the Township, City and Village Treasurers and would like the Commissioners to attend as well.

Soon they will be meeting with the school financial officers so that they can help them to know how to calculate their anticipated tax revenue.

Mrs. Nelson also stated that Donna Schrock is diligently working on the Principle Residence Exemptions (PRE) and has so far collected \$1.5 million for the schools.

She added that customers continue to thank them for the service that they provide.

She stated that there were 4 millage adjustments in the Apportionment Report that were reported in error last year.

Mrs. Nelson said that there are two school elections that are being held in November that could have an affect on the Apportionment Report so she may be back with an amendment or two if they are passed.

2009 ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Local Unit Report
County

UNIT	STATE	TAXABLE	MILLAGES	EXTRA VOTED		DOLLARS OF
	EQUALIZED			ALLOTTED	DEBT	
	VALUE	VALUE	OPERATING			TAXES
						LEVIED
St. Joseph County	\$2,507,504,012	\$1,891,302,939	4.5482			\$8,602,024.03
E-911	\$2,507,504,012	\$1,891,302,939		0.7500		\$1,418,477.20
Comm. on Aging	\$2,507,504,012	\$1,891,302,939		0.7500		\$1,418,477.20
Road Maintenance	\$2,507,504,012	\$1,891,302,939		0.9932		\$1,878,442.08
Transportation Auth.	\$2,507,504,012	\$1,891,302,939		0.3300		\$624,129.97
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,507,504,012	\$1,817,133,527	4.5482	2.8232		\$13,941,550.48

District Taxing Jurisdictions

Sturgis District Lib.	\$599,660,292	\$492,396,368	1.1000			\$541,636.00
Fawn River, Sturgis, Sherman Townships, Sturgis City						
GRAND TOTAL	\$599,660,292	\$492,396,368	1.1000			\$541,636.00
Health Authority	\$903,610,034	\$699,302,392	0.4000			\$279,720.96
Three Rivers City, Constantine, Fabius, Lockport, Park Townships						
GRAND TOTAL	\$903,610,034	\$699,302,392	0.4000			\$279,720.96

Townships

Burr Oak	\$89,122,700	\$58,933,163	0.9218			\$54,324.59
Colon	\$154,549,800	\$97,513,843	0.8947	2.2176	1.6447	Fire/Amb/FB Lib. Debt \$463,873.35
Constantine	\$148,105,600	\$121,072,453	0.5000	0.9452		Library \$174,973.91
Fabius	\$237,589,700	\$156,120,899	0.0000			\$0.00
Fawn River	\$50,666,742	\$34,772,066	0.0000			\$0.00
Florence	\$57,712,800	\$36,778,221	0.9229			\$33,942.62
Flowerfield	\$73,091,136	\$49,356,612	0.9221			\$45,511.73
Leonidas	\$57,665,200	\$34,886,977	0.9194	2.9154		Fire/Amb. \$133,784.58
Lockport	\$133,529,000	\$105,796,498	0.8894	0.6000		Fire Oper. \$157,573.30
Mendon	\$113,942,100	\$78,059,814	0.9726	2.5582		Lib/Fire/Amb \$275,613.59
Mottville	\$66,338,500	\$54,086,404	0.9521			\$51,495.67
Nottawa	\$164,348,250	\$118,982,388	0.8702	1.681	1.6351	Library \$392,265.23
Park	\$146,355,434	\$108,909,202	0.9587	0.62403		Fire Oper. \$172,373.86
Sherman	\$162,218,500	\$119,117,786	0.5000			\$59,558.89
Sturgis	\$70,630,400	\$54,760,463	0.0000			\$0.00
White Pigeon	\$227,463,200	\$171,006,757	0.9082	1.6719		Library/Fire \$441,214.53
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,953,329,062	\$1,400,153,546				\$2,456,505.85

Cities

Sturgis	\$316,144,650	\$283,746,053	10.0285	0.0000	0.0000	\$2,845,547.29
Three Rivers	\$238,030,300	\$207,403,340	11.4253	6.9809	0.0000	Lib/SW/Amb. \$3,817,507.36
Three Rivers DDA*		\$6,282,114		1.9167	0.0000	\$12,040.93
GRAND TOTAL	\$554,174,950	\$491,149,393				\$6,675,095.58

*DDA Values are a part of the unit SEV/taxable and are not therefore part of the grand totals for SEV/taxable

Villages

Burr Oak	\$12,407,200	\$10,015,323	11.2589	3.5582	Mun.Hwy.	\$148,398.04
Centreville	\$30,547,550	\$24,215,035	12.2461			\$296,539.74
Colon	\$41,121,200	\$29,599,997	11.0209	3.0892	Fire/Amb.	\$417,659.51
Constantine	\$66,685,400	\$58,429,807	10.5000	4.4500	Sewer/Water	\$873,525.61
Mendon	\$29,776,100	\$26,583,978	9.1643			\$243,623.55
White Pigeon	\$37,248,900	\$30,075,770	9.8737	0.8023	(2007 shortage)	\$296,959.13
TOTAL VILLAGES	\$217,786,350	\$178,919,910				\$2,276,705.58
GRAND TOTAL LEVY - ALL LOCAL UNITS						\$25,349,857.49

Local School District Report

UNIT	TAXABLE LESS MBT INDUSTRIAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NON-PRE TAXABLE*	COMMERCIAL PERSONAL TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY
ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$236,843	\$11,600	\$0	\$236,843	6.0000	18.0000	4.4500	\$2,683.81
TOTAL	\$236,843	\$11,600	\$0	\$236,843	6.0000	18.0000	4.4500	\$2,683.81
MARCELLUS SCHOOLS								
Flowerfield	\$5,311,354	\$837,918	\$72,936	\$5,311,354	6.0000	17.5872	5.2000	\$74,223.80
TOTAL	\$5,311,354	\$837,918	\$72,936	\$5,311,354	6.0000	17.5872	5.2000	\$74,223.80
VICKSBURG SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$1,066,971	\$61,933	\$0	\$1,066,971	6.0000	18.0000	4.5700	\$12,392.68
LEONIDAS			BILLED TOO MUCH IN 2008 REDUCED FOR 2009				4.4700	
Mendon	\$4,694,993	\$1,769,329	\$61,400	\$4,694,993	6.0000	18.0000	4.5700	\$81,474.00
Park	\$7,031,761	\$677,103	\$0	\$7,031,761	6.0000	18.0000	4.5700	\$86,513.57
Park	\$84,917	\$0	\$0	\$0	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$509.50
	Vicksburg Operating/Mendon Debt							
TOTAL	\$12,878,642	\$2,508,365	\$61,400	\$12,793,725	6.0000	18.0000	4.5700	\$180,889.75
BRONSON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$54,402	\$4,083	\$0	\$54,402	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$398.79
TOTAL	\$54,402	\$4,083	\$0	\$54,402	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$398.79
NOTTAWA SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$407,773	\$47,700	\$0	\$407,773	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$3,305.24
Colon	\$2,027,937	\$251,556	\$0	\$2,027,937	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$16,695.63
Nottawa	\$47,037,926	\$16,208,851	\$202,600	\$47,037,926	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$573,986.87
Sherman	\$8,106,893	\$3,475,089	\$77,100	\$8,106,893	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$111,192.96
TOTAL	\$57,580,529	\$19,983,196	\$279,700	\$57,580,529	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$705,180.70
STURGIS SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$21,208,648	\$3,160,814	\$64,000	\$21,208,648	6.0000	17.6301	8.2400	\$357,736.61
Fawn River	\$34,772,066	\$5,998,801	\$310,600	\$34,772,066	6.0000	17.6301	8.2400	\$600,913.68
Sherman	\$58,738,195	\$12,596,244	\$161,900	\$58,789,895	6.0000	17.6301	8.2400	\$1,058,930.95
Sturgis Twp.	\$54,705,663	\$16,585,916	\$1,846,000	\$54,760,463	6.0000	17.6301	8.2400	\$1,071,871.55
Sturgis City	\$230,717,653	\$119,291,902	\$10,220,100	\$282,711,553	6.0000	17.6301	8.2400	\$5,816,977.28
Renaissance Zone	\$1,785,956	\$1,027,056						
TOTAL	\$400,142,225	\$157,633,677	\$12,602,600	\$452,242,625	6.0000	17.6301	8.3800	\$8,906,430.07
BURR OAK SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$33,217,814	\$7,106,427	\$72,600	\$33,634,614	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$327,222.57
Colon	\$2,243,151	\$895,269	\$4,800	\$2,243,151	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$29,573.75
Sherman	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$0	\$3,800	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$91.20
TOTAL	\$35,464,765	\$8,005,496	\$77,400	\$35,881,565	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$356,887.52

UNIT	TAXABLE			COMMERCIAL PERSONAL TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL		TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY
	LESS MBT INDUSTRIAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NON-PRE TAXABLE*					SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	
CENTREVILLE SCHOOLS									
Florence	\$15,322,616	\$1,571,841	\$32,500	\$15,322,616	6.0000	18.0000	3.9000	\$179,987.04	
Lockport	\$24,866,805	\$4,338,804	\$83,200	\$24,928,905	6.0000	18.0000	3.9000	\$324,522.03	
Nottawa	\$58,147,474	\$18,391,504	\$932,400	\$58,348,074	6.0000	18.0000	3.9000	\$907,489.40	
Sherman	\$52,066,591	\$14,547,064	\$53,500	\$52,066,591	6.0000	18.0000	3.9000	\$777,306.40	
TOTAL	\$150,403,486	\$38,849,213	\$1,101,600	\$150,666,186	6.0000	18.0000	3.9000	\$2,189,304.87	
COLON SCHOOLS									
Burr Oak	\$3,627,726	\$669,921	\$4,100	\$3,627,726	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$33,824.93	
Colon	\$91,616,234	\$34,547,435	\$1,068,000	\$92,866,634	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$1,171,551.23	
Leonidas	\$31,823,065	\$4,745,724	\$130,400	\$31,823,065	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$276,361.42	
Nottawa	\$2,888,558	\$396,239	\$30,900	\$2,888,558	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$24,463.65	
TOTAL	\$129,955,583	\$40,359,319	\$1,233,400	\$131,205,983	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$1,506,201.23	
CONSTANTINE SCHOOLS									
Constantine	\$101,157,437	\$38,759,617	\$3,994,800	\$116,417,537	6.0000	16.6887	6.8000	\$2,045,431.49	
Fabius	\$154,161	\$70,966	\$20,700	\$159,261	6.0000	16.6887	6.8000	\$3,192.27	
Florence	\$11,574,578	\$1,553,315	\$177,500	\$11,574,578	6.0000	16.6887	6.8000	\$174,077.41	
Mottville	\$10,355,053	\$1,597,568	\$34,600	\$10,355,053	6.0000	16.6887	6.8000	\$159,206.01	
TOTAL	\$123,241,229	\$41,981,466	\$4,227,600	\$138,506,429	6.0000	16.6887	6.8000	\$2,381,907.18	
MENDON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS									
Colon	\$376,121	\$100		\$376,121	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$4,891.37	
Leonidas	\$1,778,178	\$55,269	\$0	\$1,778,178	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$24,111.16	
Lockport	\$1,065,457	\$116,793	\$0	\$1,065,457	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$15,953.22	
Mendon	\$65,086,821	\$19,448,374	\$606,100	\$73,364,821	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$1,254,145.41	
Nottawa	\$10,707,830	\$1,704,893	\$237,400	\$10,707,830	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$169,889.86	
Park	\$30,725,734	\$10,409,625	\$173,200	\$32,958,534	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$602,437.39	
Park	\$0	\$0		\$84,917	0.0000	0.0000	7.0000	\$594.42	
	Vicksburg Operating/Mendon Debt								
TOTAL	\$109,740,141	\$31,735,054	\$1,016,700	\$120,335,858	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$2,072,022.83	
WHITE PIGEON SCHOOLS									
Constantine	\$882,915	\$418,823	\$0	\$882,915	6.0000	18.0000	3.0000	\$15,485.05	
Florence	\$5,705,057	\$857,349	\$20,000	\$5,705,057	6.0000	18.0000	3.0000	\$66,777.80	
Mottville	\$40,535,051	\$15,865,287	\$1,656,800	\$43,731,351	6.0000	18.0000	3.0000	\$659,979.53	
Sherman	\$150,607	\$0		\$150,607	6.0000	18.0000	3.0000	\$1,355.46	
White Pigeon	\$166,436,357	\$78,507,605	\$1,353,000	\$171,006,757	6.0000	18.0000	3.0000	\$2,924,775.30	
TOTAL	\$213,709,987	\$95,649,064	\$3,029,800	\$221,476,687	6.0000	18.0000	3.0000	\$3,668,373.14	
THREE RIVERS SCHOOLS									
Constantine	\$3,772,001	\$514,096	\$0	\$3,772,001	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$52,037.31	
Fabius	\$151,610,402	\$61,211,772	\$1,524,800	\$155,961,638	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$2,833,665.71	
Florence	\$4,175,970	\$833,401		\$4,175,970	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$62,293.90	
Flowerfield	\$44,016,788	\$8,534,773	\$693,138	\$44,016,788	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$652,183.07	
Lockport	\$79,802,136	\$16,791,131	\$1,254,100	\$79,802,136	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$1,205,757.67	
Park	\$66,562,990	\$21,332,131	\$505,800	\$68,833,990	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$1,147,799.76	
Three Rivers	\$175,484,390	\$110,124,848	\$10,190,500	\$207,403,340	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$4,120,611.14	
TOTAL	\$525,424,677	\$219,342,152	\$14,168,338	\$563,965,863	6.0000	17.7242	5.3800	\$10,074,348.56	
SCHOOLS GRAND TOTAL									
	\$1,764,143,863	\$656,900,603	\$37,871,474	\$1,890,258,049				\$32,118,852.25	

>Cities of Three Rivers and Sturgis for Three Rivers School and Sturgis School only, levy 50% summer and 50% winter millage rates, report indicates the total authorized.

* Homestead/non-homestead taxable values are as reported on or before May 5, 2009

Intermediate School District Report

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
BRANCH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$54,402	0.1716	\$9.34	8.0345	\$437.09	\$446.43
GRAND TOTAL	\$54,402	0.1716	\$9.34	8.0345	\$437.09	\$446.43
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$58,878,761	0.2283	\$13,442.02	2.4554	\$144,570.91	\$158,012.93
Colon	\$97,513,843	0.2283	\$22,262.41	2.4554	\$239,435.49	\$261,697.90
Constantine	\$121,072,453	0.2283	\$27,640.84	2.4554	\$297,281.30	\$324,922.14
Fabius	\$156,120,899	0.2283	\$35,642.40	2.4554	\$383,339.26	\$418,981.66
Fawn River	\$34,772,066	0.2283	\$7,938.46	2.4554	\$85,379.33	\$93,317.79
Florence	\$36,778,221	0.2283	\$8,396.47	2.4554	\$90,305.24	\$98,701.71
Flowerfield	\$44,016,788	0.2283	\$10,049.03	2.4554	\$108,078.82	\$118,127.85
Leonidas	\$33,583,163	0.2283	\$7,667.04	2.4554	\$82,460.10	\$90,127.14
Lockport	\$105,796,498	0.2283	\$24,153.34	2.4554	\$259,772.72	\$283,926.06
Mendon	\$73,364,821	0.2283	\$16,749.19	2.4554	\$180,139.98	\$196,889.17
Mottville	\$54,086,404	0.2283	\$12,347.93	2.4554	\$132,803.76	\$145,151.69
Nottawa	\$118,982,388	0.2283	\$27,163.68	2.4554	\$292,149.36	\$319,313.04
Park	\$101,792,524	0.2283	\$23,239.23	2.4554	\$249,941.36	\$273,180.59
Sherman	\$119,117,786	0.2283	\$27,194.59	2.4554	\$292,481.81	\$319,676.40
Sturgis	\$54,760,463	0.2283	\$12,501.81	2.4554	\$134,458.84	\$146,960.65
White Pigeon	\$171,006,757	0.2283	\$39,040.84	2.4554	\$419,889.99	\$458,930.83
Sturgis City	\$283,746,053	0.2283	\$64,779.22	2.4554	\$696,710.06	\$761,489.28
Three Rivers	\$207,403,340	0.2283	\$47,350.18	2.4554	\$509,258.16	\$556,608.34
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,872,793,228	0.2283	\$427,558.68	2.4554	\$4,598,456.49	\$5,026,015.17
LEWIS-CASS INTERMEDIATE						
Flowerfield	\$5,311,354	0.2026	\$1,076.08	2.0291	\$10,777.27	\$11,853.35
Marcellus SD - Billed too much '08		0.1769		1.6028		
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,311,354	0.2026	\$1,076.08	2.0291	\$10,777.27	\$11,853.35
CALHOUN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$236,843	0.2519	\$59.66	5.9538	\$1,410.12	\$1,469.78
Athens SD - Billed too much ' 09				5.9521		
GRAND TOTAL	\$236,843	0.2519	\$59.66	5.9538	\$1,410.12	\$1,469.78
KRESA - Vicksburg School District						
Leonidas	\$1,066,971	0.1446	\$154.28	4.6870	\$5,000.89	\$5,155.17
Mendon	\$4,694,993	0.1446	\$678.90	4.6870	\$22,005.43	\$22,684.33
Park	\$7,116,678	0.1446	\$1,029.07	4.6870	\$33,355.87	\$34,384.94
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,878,642	0.1446	\$1,862.25	4.6870	60,362.19	62,224.44
GRAND TOTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS	\$1,891,274,469		\$430,566.01		\$4,671,443.16	\$5,102,009.17

Community College Report

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Burr Oak	\$58,878,761	2.7249	\$160,438.74	0.0000	\$0.00	\$160,438.74
Colon	\$97,513,843	2.7249	\$265,715.47	0.0000	\$0.00	\$265,715.47
Constantine	\$121,072,453	2.7249	\$329,910.33	0.0000	\$0.00	\$329,910.33
Fabius	\$156,120,899	2.7249	\$425,413.84	0.0000	\$0.00	\$425,413.84
Fawn River	\$34,772,066	2.7249	\$94,750.40	0.0000	\$0.00	\$94,750.40

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
Florence	\$36,778,221	2.7249	\$100,216.97	0.0000	\$0.00	\$100,216.97
Flowerfield	\$44,016,788	2.7249	\$119,941.35	0.0000	\$0.00	\$119,941.35
Leonidas	\$33,583,163	1.3625	\$45,757.06	0.0000	\$0.00	\$45,757.06
Billed too much in 2008 Reduced						
Lockport	\$105,796,498	2.7249	\$288,284.88	0.0000	\$0.00	\$288,284.88
Mendon	\$73,364,821	2.7249	\$199,911.80	0.0000	\$0.00	\$199,911.80
Mottville	\$54,086,404	2.7249	\$147,380.04	0.0000	\$0.00	\$147,380.04
Nottawa	\$118,982,388	2.7249	\$324,215.11	0.0000	\$0.00	\$324,215.11
Park	\$101,792,524	2.7249	\$277,374.45	0.0000	\$0.00	\$277,374.45
Sherman	\$119,117,786	2.7249	\$324,584.06	0.0000	\$0.00	\$324,584.06
Sturgis	\$54,760,463	2.7249	\$149,216.79	0.0000	\$0.00	\$149,216.79
White Pigeon	\$171,006,757	2.7249	\$465,976.31	0.0000	\$0.00	\$465,976.31
Sturgis City	\$283,746,053	2.7249	\$773,179.62	0.0000	\$0.00	\$773,179.62
Three Rivers	\$207,403,340	2.7249	\$565,153.36	0.0000	\$0.00	\$565,153.36
TOTAL	\$1,872,793,228	2.7249	\$5,057,420.58	0.0000	\$0.00	\$5,057,420.58
KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Athens School District						
Leonidas	\$236,843	3.7106	\$878.83	0.0000	\$0.00	\$878.83
GRAND TOTAL	\$236,843	3.7106	\$878.83	0.0000	\$0.00	\$878.83
KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Vicksburg School District						
Leonidas	\$1,066,971	2.8135	\$3,001.92	0.0000	\$0.00	\$3,001.92
Mendon	\$4,694,993	2.8135	\$13,209.36	0.0000	\$0.00	\$13,209.36
Park	\$7,116,678	2.8135	\$20,022.77	0.0000	\$0.00	\$20,022.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,878,642	2.8135	\$36,234.05	0.0000	\$0.00	\$36,234.05
GRAND TOTAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES						
	\$1,885,908,713		\$5,094,533.46		\$0.00	\$5,094,533.46

Commissioner Shaffer complimented Mrs. Nelson and her staff. He asked her how the PRE program worked. She responded by saying that they get tips from people; they look at obituaries in the newspapers; and generally use a lot of resources.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the 2009 Apportionment Report be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Puschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Loudenslager.

Report adopted.

SUPPORT TO PROCEED WITH FARMLAND PRESERVATION DONATION

Mr. Neumann stated that Henry and Martha Miller are interested in donating agricultural conservation easements to the County Farmland Preservation Program which preserves their farmland for agricultural use in perpetuity.

There are 2 tracts of land, one totaling 183 acres located in Section 29 of Lockport Township and the other totaling 770 acres located in Sections 31 and 32 of Lockport Township and Sections 5 and 6 of Florence Township. Both properties fall within the "Farmland Preservation" area.

Mr. Neumann stated that the Ag Board has received resolutions from the Lockport Township and Florence Township Boards supporting the easement donation.

He further stated that this is a charitable contribution and there are currently federal income tax provisions that allow farmland owners to claim significant federal income tax deductions and these provisions are set to expire on December 31, 2009.

Mr. Neumann is requesting that the Board of Commissioners accept this donation to the County Farmland Preservation Program before the end of the year. These tracts would be the first to be preserved by the County Farmland Preservation Program and would constitute the largest agricultural conservation easement donation ever made in the State of Michigan.

This property can never be converted to any other use which limits the taxable value as it can only grow with the rate of inflation of 5%.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Board support the donation of 953 acres into the County Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT

Ms. West-Wing stated that this is an annual Emergency Management Grant that runs from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. The cost for the Emergency Management Coordinator is \$62,473 with 36%-38% of that amount being reimbursed through this grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Emergency Management Grant be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Loudenslager.

Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR HOUSE AT MEYER BROADWAY PARK

Ms. West-Wing stated that there are now new tenants in the house at Meyer Broadway Park and is recommending approval of a lease agreement with them, Josh and Erin Stiemsma. They are to open and close the gates to the park on a daily basis.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the lease agreement for the house at Meyer Broadway Park be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Loudenslager.

Motion carried.

SET SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Elected Officials Salaries have to be set by November 1st of each year. They cannot be decreased but can be increased during their term of office. If an increase is recommended it is done during the budget process which has not yet been completed. The salaries listed below are their current salaries:

SALARIES FOR ELECTED POSITIONS
2009 Wages - Subject to Change for 2010

County Clerk	\$57,420.00
Prosecuting Attorney	\$73,198.00
Register of Deeds	\$53,178.00
County Treasurer	\$57,420.00
Sheriff	\$59,988.00

It is expected that those occupying the above positions will work a 40-hour week.

Drain Commissioner (28 hours/week)	\$29,828.00
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County Commissioners	\$ 7,200.00*
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*Includes regular and special Board meetings
Per Diem - \$50/half day and \$95/full day

Elected officials' annual wages are paid by dividing the annual salary by the number of pay periods in that year.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the Elected Officials Salaries be set for 2010 at the 2009 level.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Loudenslager.

Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO DeLEG

Ms. West-Wing stated that Marcia Saunders, Grant Writer, has been working on submitting a grant application to the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth (DeLEG) for an energy efficiency and conservation block grant in the amount not to exceed \$268,159.00.

The application is due on October 22, 2009. Inclusions in the application for the jail are solar hot water (thermal); solar electric (photo voltaic), purchase of industrial washers and dryers, and at Rawson's King Mill an energy audit, building envelope upgrade and a hydro-electric feasibility study. The caveat is that any funds that the County receives as energy savings will be placed in an "Energy Fund" for future building upgrades and to continue to stimulate the local economy. This is a part of the stimulus package awarded to the State by the Federal Government.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION 17-2009

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING AND SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH (DeLEG) FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$268,159.00.

WHEREAS, the County of St. Joseph County recognizes the need for and supports energy efficiency practices and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) can assist the County in promoting energy savings and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs is received from DeLEG;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Judy West-Wing, County Administrator for St. Joseph County, will be the authorizing local government official, Certifying Officer and Authorized Negotiator as it relates to the project and is authorized to sign and submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Loudenslager.

Resolution adopted.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Workforce Development Board

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Baker that Cathy Knapp, Casey Putnam and Barry Visel be reappointed to the Workforce Development Board. Motion carried.

Human Services Commission

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that Rob LaBarge be nominated and appointed to the Human Services Commission and that he be responsible to pay his membership dues. Motion carried.

Veterans' Affairs Board

It was moved by Commissioner Ware and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that Ricky Soice be nominated and appointed to the Veterans' Affairs Board to fill a vacancy. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Baker stated that the Law Enforcement Committee will meet on October 30th at 10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Commissioner Dunlap stated that the Judiciary Committee met on October 14, 2009.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Dunlap stated that the Physical Resources Committee had not met.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Pueschel stated that everyone has received a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee held on October 16, 2009 and would answer any questions that anyone may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Orlan Wayne Brown, Part-time Court Security, has resigned effective October 5, 2009.

NEW HIRE:

Beverly Thelen has been hired as part-time Deputy Drain Commissioner at \$13.27/hr. (Rye system, grade 4, minimum) effective November 3, 2009.

RETIREMENT:

Philip Adams, Building and Grounds Director, is retiring effective December 30, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Baker that the personnel report be approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$257,268.00 from Community Mental Health Appropriation to Community Mental Health Fund.

\$106,854.00 from Probate Child Care Appropriation to Probate Child Care Fund.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

DECREASE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Line item 101-301-712.000 (Wages – Overtime) \$ 700.00

INCREASE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Line item 101-301-706.060 (Clerical – Part Time) \$ 700.00

DECREASE DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND #265:

Line item 265-254-728.000 (Printing) \$ 1,423.00

INCREASE DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND #265:

Line item 265-254-816.000 (Contractual Services) \$ 1,423.00

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the budget adjustments be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dan Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 7 half days 9/18, 9/30, 10/2, 10/6, 10/7, 10/19 & 10/20/09 & 1 full day 9/24/09	\$ 445.00
John Dobberteen - 6 half days 9/22 x 2, 9/24, 10/2, 10/7 & 10/16/09 & 3 full days 10/12, 10/13 & 10/14/09	585.00
Michael Dunlap - 6 half days 9/22, 10/7 x 2, 10/14, 10/15 & 10/20/09 & 3 full days 9/16, 9/24 & 9/25/09	\$ 585.00
David Puschel - 7 half days 9/14, 9/16, 9/20, 9/24, 10/2, 10/7 & 10/16/09	350.00
Rick Shaffer - 6 half days 9/16, 9/21, 10/5, 10/7, 10/15 & 10/20/09	300.00
Jerry Ware - 4 half days 10/7 x 2, 10/15 & 10/20/09	<u>200.00</u>
	\$2,465.00

EXPENSES

Robin Baker	\$ 139.15
John Dobberteen	385.00
Michael Dunlap	276.75
David Pueschel	46.20
Rick Shaffer	80.30
Jerry Ware	<u>33.00</u>
	\$ 960.40

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the per diem and expenses be approved. Motion carried.

Financial Statements

	Revenues	Expenditures
September	\$ 1,130,131	\$ 1,120,978
Year to Date	10,322,561	9,976,608
Period Fund Balance	\$9,152.00	
Year to Date	\$345,952.00	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	75.00%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	69.13%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	66.81%	

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the financial statements be approved. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Ware asked if Phil Adams' position would be filled. Ms. West-Wing stated that that would be a part of the budget discussion.

WORK SESSION

It was the consensus that a tentative budget work session be set for 3:00 p.m. on November 9, 2009. Ms. West-Wing stated that she would try to have the documents ready by that time.

The public hearing on the budget will be on December 1st with adoption on December 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 3, 2009. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

John L. Dobberteen, Chairman